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Assistance Bulletin

# Dock Repair Projects

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## Q: Do I need a permit to repair a dock?

**A:** In many cases, yes. Contact counter personnel if you have questions. Replacing decking or planks does not require a permit. Replacement of structural support members does require a building permit. A building permit application, plot plan, and construction plans must be submitted in accordance with building permit procedures if a permit is required.

## Q: What do I need to submit with my building permit application?

**A:** A dock or boathouse building permit submittal must include:

- One copy of a site/plot plan (an accurate and detailed map of your property which shows the location of existing buildings and the proposed work). It must contain (on a minimum 8 1/2"x11" sheet of paper) the name of the property owner, north arrow, property lines, easements, dimensions, and the location of the proposed dock. A scale of the map is required.
- One completed building permit application form.
- One copy of construction drawings. Construction drawings must be drawn to a scale of 1/4-inch = 1 foot (or larger) and contain a framing plan and a cross section.
- One copy of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, if new or replacement piling is being proposed.

## Q: Do I need a "Shoreline Substantial Development Permit?"

**A:** Typically, you do not if the project is only repair work to an existing dock.

## Q: When do I need a "Flood Hazard Zone Permit?"

**A:** Check with counter personnel. Some lakes will require a flood hazard permit.

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